

Politics and policies in public health:

Reflections on the past and challenges moving forward



Date: May 5, 2023

Location: CGD Conference Center, 2055 L St NW, Fifth Floor,
Washington, DC 20036

Event Background



The Center for Global Development is organizing this event to bring together a community of scholars and practitioners in the field of political science and public health and celebrate the contributions of Taro Takemi Professor of International Health Policy Emeritus Michael R. Reich to literature, research, teaching, and mentoring in this field.

As an American political scientist, Michael R. Reich's research, writing and teaching over the past half-century have significantly contributed to our understanding and approach to political economy in public health and other domains of public policy. Considered the founder of applied political analysis in global health, his work has influenced health reforms, policy implementation in many domains, and shaped the highest levels of policymaking, including at G7 summits. Through his teaching and mentoring he has inspired students and public health practitioners, many of them now in positions of highest leadership, including ministers of health and senior officials in multilateral institutions. His expansive work forms the basis for current research by scholars around the world on health reform, political economy, pharmaceutical policy, and other areas.

Event program

9:00–9:30 am:

Registration

9:30–10:30 am:

Welcome

Moderator: Amanda Glassman, Executive Vice President and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

Harvey V. Fineberg, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, President, Former Dean of Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (remote)

C. Peter Timmer, Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Developmental Studies, Emeritus, Harvard University, Remarks read by **Ken Silverman**, PhD Student in Political Science, City University of New York

Julio Frenk, President of the University of Miami, former Dean of Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, former Minister of Health of Mexico

Keizo Takemi, Member of the House of Councillors of the Japanese Parliament

Veronika J. Wirtz, Professor of Global Health, Boston University School of Public Health

Michael R. Reich, Taro Takemi Professor of International Health Policy, Emeritus, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

10:30-10:45 am

Break

10:45-11:45 am

Session 1a: Are we getting health reform right? The need for evidence generation and training of public health practitioners and researchers

Moderator: Susan Sparkes, Health Financing Officer, World Health Organization

Winnie Yip, Professor of the Practice of Global Health Policy and Economics in the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (remote)

Martin Lajous, Professor, National Public Health Institute, Mexico & Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Rifat Hasan, Lead Health Specialist, World Bank Group's Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice

Muhammad Ali Pate, incoming CEO of GAVI, Julio Frenk Professor of Pub. Health Leadership, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

11:45-11:55 am

Break

11:55-12:25 pm

Session 1b: Learning about health systems and health reform - student perspectives

Moderator: Manuel Sánchez-Castro, MPH Global Health and Population (México)

Ana Paula Bonner Septién, MPH Social and Behavioral Sciences (México)

Asti Shafira, MS Global Health and Population (Indonesia)

Leo Huang, MS Global Health and Population (China)

Catalina Melendez Contreras, MPH Global Health and Population (Colombia)

12:25-12:30 pm

Group photo

12:30-1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 – 2:30 pm

Session 2: At the boundary of research and practice: the political economy of policy processes

Moderator: Jesse Bump, Executive Director of the Takemi Program in International Health and Lecturer on Global Health Policy in the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Speciosa Wandira Kazibwe, former Vice President of Uganda, Sr. Presidential Advisor, Population & Health (remote)

Jeremy Shiffman, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Ashley Fox, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Administration and Policy, University at Albany, State University New York

Paola Abril Campos, Research Professor, School of Government and Public Policy, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico (remote)

2:30-3:00 pm

Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Session 3: Politics, markets and institutions: what will it take to accelerate global equities in access to medicines post pandemic?

Moderator: Prashant Yadav, Resident Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, Affiliate Professor of Technology and Operations Management at INSEAD

Amy Nunn, Professor of Behavioral and Social Sciences, School of Public Health. Professor of Medicine, Alpert Medical School, Brown University

Jeffrey W. Mecaskey, Secretary, HPI Institute; formerly VP, International Trachoma Initiative and Chair, Medicines Transparency Alliance

Wilbert Bannenberg, Chair, Pharmaceutical Accountability Foundation and Public Health Consultant, here

4:00-4:15 pm

Video with well wishes & Memory Book

Presenters: Johnattan Garcia Ruiz, Senior Associate at the Harvard Health Systems Innovation Lab; **Veronika J. Wirtz**, Professor of Global Health, Boston University School of Public Health

4:15-4:30 pm

Final reflections

Presenters: Prashant Yadav, for the CGD Organizing Committee; **Michael R. Reich**, Taro Takemi Professor of International Health Policy, Emeritus

Cocktail reception in the CGD Conference Center

Selected Background Writings by M.R. Reich



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Thank you for being part of this event!

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